

## HEW TO THE LINE.

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he was a free man but he is simply a slave or a tool in the hands of his superior officer and the other Republican bosses, and whenever the sheriff cracks his whip Jailer Whitman must dance to his music or lose his job, and

his bond. Dudenhaven not only obtained quite a large sum of money belonging to Lewis, but he also carried away with him a fine gold watch and chain, a charm containing a diamond setting, two diamond rings, one or two suits of clothes and several overcoats. So Lewis claims. But Dudenhaven did not furnish bonds for Lewis; on the contrary he did not come near him for more than three weeks. In the meantime Lewis was turned over to lawyer Haghley by the turnkeys, who robbed him out of much more money. He also conducted his case in the court, but he did not try very hard to defend him, and after Lewis was convicted Haghley held out the hope to him that he could put him on the street on a writ of error. He wanted Lewis to give him the deed to two clear lots which he owns at Alpine Heights. Lewis refused to do that. Then Haghley disappeared and did not come to see him until the latter part of July. At that time he wanted fourteen dollars more to free him on a writ of error. He wanted the money right away, but he could not go to the Appellate Court with the case until Monday, August the 4th, and on Tuesday morning, without a moments notice, Lewis was transferred to Joliet. Lewis is only one out of the many Negroes who are constantly being skinned by shyster white and black lawyers and bond thieves while passing through the Cook County jail.

Returning back to the mismanagement of the Cook County jail, it is said that there are from seven hundred and fifty prisoners in this jail. Of this number about twenty-five are Afro-Americans, that about two hundred and fifty to three hundred pounds of meat feeds all the prisoners each day, that this meat consists largely of scraps which are hauled to the jail from the stock yards, that sometimes it is so rotten or tainted that it stinks, that if it falls on the floor the head cook never thinks about having it washed, that no lightened loaf would eat it before or even after it is cooked, that the common prisoners receives one small chunk of these rotten scraps of meat each day in a tin pan with a little rice and much water which is called soup, and one "duffer," this is their dinner. In the evening they enjoy a cup of black water or coffee and one "duffer," and it is safe to say that it does not cost the shuckheaded sheriff of this county over six cents a day to feed each prisoner, that this fat boss of Bill Lorimer's Republican machine is making from fifty to sixty thousand dollars a year from feeding the prisoners of Cook County.

For a long time the prisoners were compelled to pay five cents for a pall of hot water in order to keep the vermin from eating them up, but lately this practice has been discontinued. If the prisoners order their meals from the restaurant right in front of the cell they have to pay 15 cents for a 15 cent meal; they are charged three cents for the Chicago Chronicle on week days and two cents for the Chicago American; they are also forced to pay the very highest prices for writing paper and all other traps which they would like to use.

In conclusion we believe that Jaffer  
1. Whitman would be disposed not  
to purchase the Cook County jail if

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**CHIPS.**

Vote for Dr. Engel for commissioner of Cook County.

Dr. George C. Hall was called out of

THEODORE W. JONES, POURS HOT SHOT INTO THE SIDES OF  
REV. JASPER F. THOMAS OF OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH.

**Elder Thomas' Ways That Are Dark, and Tricks that Are Vain.**

Editor Julius F. Taylor:—

The necessity for this article is caused by the assertion made by Rev. J. F. Thomas to the effect that "The members of Olivet Baptist Church should not pay any attention to the statements made about their pastor by an excluded member from Quins Chapel, A. M. E. Church." This language was addressed to the people who are soon to investigate this man's methods of conducting the financial and other business affairs of the church with a view of forcing his resignation.

Here is plainly visible an appeal to denominational prejudice. Rev. Thomas would have Baptist people believe that there is denominational prejudice in an honest effort to find out if he really tried to "squeeze" the contractor, who built the church out of \$2,700. Insinuations of this kind will have no effect upon intelligent people. If a church meeting will bring out damaging facts against the preacher, the man who made the charges drops out of sight. It is of no importance whether he is an excluded member of Quinn Chapel or not. What the public want, is not a Baptist investigation, nor a Methodist investigation, but an honest investigation. The unvarnished facts are all that interest the public.

If, at the approaching church meeting, it shall be proven that Rev. J. F. Thomas has "juggled" with collections for the poor, etc., few people will care whether he is of the Baptist or Methodist faith. They will see simply a man who, by common consent, is not fit to administer at the Holy Altar. Since a preacher holds a public trust, it is, therefore, a matter of unconcern to the public that he has grown old in the ministry; it is a matter of unconcern also, as to whether charges are made by a member of a church, or member of the ever-growing body of the unchurched. All that concerns them is the preacher's fitness or unfitness for the sacred office that he holds. If it will be of any consolation to Rev. Thomas, I will admit that I am an excluded member of Quinn Chapel. A. M. E. church. Men who have pronounced opinions of their own usually are excluded from colored churches. But it will be difficult to perceive how this confession will change the character of any unpleasant facts that may be brought out in Rev. Thomas' investigation.

Some of the officers of Olivet are of the opinion that Rev. Thomas will resign of his own volition. This he will never do. That he purposes to employ resistance and fight to the last ditch, is evident, when he said that "No one shall be admitted to the church meeting who is not a member of this church in good standing unless it be a brother minister invited by the pastor." This was thrown out as a "feeler," and to pave the way for the admittance of an old disreputable jackleg preacher who pretends to run a mission at 47th street, but who is principally engaged in doing Thomas' scavenger work." Rev. Thomas knows, if he knows anything, that he has no more authority to invite a non-member to a church meeting than a deacon has; and a deacon has no more right to do so than a layman. Gray has no more right at that investigation than has Brown, Smith or Jones who are not members.

If Olivet is ever rid of this man, the membership of the church will have to drive him out as the Lord drove Adam out of the Garden of Eden! I understand that friends are insisting that if forced to resign, he will split the church. Well, if his record can split Olivet Church, (then Olivet Church ought to be split. But my impression is that this man can split rails a good deal quicker than he can ever split a church. Information comes also, to the effect that if this so-called preacher is hard pressed for his resignation the plan is "to come of his friends to

start a disturbance and in the midst of this, Rev. Thomas is to adjourn the investigation and open a revival meeting. I have the names of the women selected to start the trouble. Now God knows, that Thomas needs a revival all right, but when the real object is to turn such a meeting to the account of the preacher instead of the Master, to honor man and dishonor God, then the Deacons should by all means prevent such a sacrilege. The fact that Elder Thomas has driven rough shod over many of the old pillars of the church; that he has driven them forth into the street to wander without a church home; that he has ruled his people as with a rod of iron; and that he has for 16 years and more, ridden a high horse in this city is nothing. Greater giants than this man have been brought low, and he can be unhorsed. Goliath of old was killed with a pebble, and the city of Jericho fell at the blast of a horn. I would say to the church, "God hears thy sighs and counts thy tear. Be not dismayed, for deliverance will come; be not deceived; God is not mocked."

It is difficult for one to rid himself of the belief that the ordination of J. F. Thomas was a great mistake. Notwithstanding this, however, he has fully reached the age, as well as the point of inactivity, at which he should voluntarily retire from the pulpit. His antiquated methods and mental poverty are so apparent that further retention in the pulpit would be a detriment to any progressive church even though his conduct were exemplary. While his work has never been commendable, or such as to reflect credit even upon a backward race, yet it is to be regretted that he has so deported himself as to entirely curtail his usefulness in any department of Christian work. But men who presume to guide others must first learn to guide themselves aright; and preachers who are charged with the supervision of large congregations, must so speak, act and order their lives that they may serve as examples of the lowly Jesus who went about doing good.

While attention is rightfully directed toward the temporal welfare of Olivet Church and the reformation of its pulpit, one may hope that with the selection of a new and better minister, greater attention will be given to spiritual things, which, above all, makes for the eternal welfare of the soul.

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We have not much time to waste this week on Revs. Jasper Thomas, Andy Carey, Abe Longreen Murray, Little Whisky Ward, Barnett and Co., but next week we will ask this lovely bunch a few questions, which may stagger some of them.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison conveyed the idea while addressing those who were present at the opening of the Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition that "the Afro-Americans of Chicago ought to have a member of their race to represent them in the city council," but His Honor failed to state that he was not in favor of nominating a worthy Afro-American Democrat for commissioner of Cook County.

One of the most discouraging features about Negro education is that the so-called big educated Negro seems less inclined to support Negro business enterprises. The Negro business man can't get anything that is good enough for him; Negro newspapers are not fit for him to read; Negro groceries haven't anything good enough for him to eat; Negro doctors don't know enough to attend him when sick; Negro undertakers can not please them. In fact not a few of them go about, swelling up like bladders full of gas, cultivating big bellies and debts.—The Eagle, St. Louis, Mo.



ROLLIN B. ORGAN,  
The faithful servant of the People. The Next President of the Board  
of Cook County Commissioners.

thus it is easy to account for the defects in the management of the Cook County Jail.

Mrs. Kopperl Entertained in Honor of  
Miss Payne of Boston.

Miss Ella V. Payne, of Boston, Mass., is visiting with Mrs. P. B. Kopperi 4762 Armour ave. Miss Payne is well pleased with the people of Chicago and she will prolong her visit until Sept. 1st. Mrs. Kopperi gave a reception Thursday evening in her honor from four to six, and it was largely attended.

Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. Charles Tuck, Miss Emma L. Thompson, Mrs. I. A. Washington, Miss Theodosie Hardy, Mrs. Spaulding, Miss Eva E. Webster, Mrs. S. S. Ridgeway, Mrs. Gertrude S. Taylor, Miss May E. Stoker, Mrs. Cotton, Miss Mannie L. Siedger, Mrs. Washington, Miss May H. Thomas, Miss Grace Todd, Miss Maudie Lewis, Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Howard, Miss Lula Taylor, Mrs. Handy, Miss M. Wright, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. James H. Harris, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mrs. Floyd Tuck, Mrs. H. C. Bomar, Miss Ella Benson, Mrs. E. L. Murphy, Mrs. J. Hicks, Mrs. A. W. Settles, Mrs. J. W. Wooten, Mrs. D. Jackson, Mrs. L. H. Boswell, Mrs. Irving Jones, Miss Lela Chase, Mrs. Trice, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Will Tolter, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Jesse Moore, Mrs. B. Clark, Mrs. Lacey, and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor, were some of the many ladies, who had the extreme pleasure of being presented to the fair lady from Boston, Miss Payne wore an exquisite rose colored silk Barge dress, trimmed in rich lace, many of the other ladies wore elegant costumes; the hostess served punch and other refreshments in the dining room which was beautifully decorated with choice flowers. All in all it was a very enjoyable affair.

Col. R. A. and Mrs. Ware, 2232 Dearborn street, left Tuesday evening for Atlanta and Lagrange, Ga., where they will spend two weeks visiting with Colonel's mother, and his many old friends.

the city for several days this week on professional business.

Chairman John P. Hopkins, who is one of the greatest political managers in this country, will open the state campaign shortly after Sept. 1st.

John H. Adams, a Negro of Brazil, Ind., has been nominated for State Geologist on the Social Democratic ticket. Mr. Adams, at one time, was secretary of Brazil Miners' Union.

Mr. Walter S. Bogle, President of the Crescent Coal and Mining Company, is ready and willing to pull off his silk-lined coat and work hard for the success of Democracy.

Edward M. Lahiff will never be elected clerk of the Appellate Court, for he has the swell head, and he is considered a Negro hater, therefore his name will be mud on the morning after the election in November.

At a recent meeting of the Alumni of the Harrisburg (Pa.) High School, 40 where white and 18 Negroes. The Negroes participated in the program and the festivities. White and colored mingled in the dances.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Coppage, 338 Swan st., lost their bright little baby boy Tuesday, and it was buried in Oakwood Cemetery Wednesday. Thos. McInerney and Sons, undertakers, 5050 State st., had charge of the funeral.

Thomas Gahan, member of the Democratic National Committee is of the opinion that the chances are that the Democratic party under the leadership of State Chairman John P. Hopkins will be victorious in Illinois this fall.

Denney J. Jordan, ex-State Senator Dan Curley, Jim McDonald, Wm. E. O'Day, John Breen, Jimmy McNarney, and a few other statemen are already being groomed by their friends to enter the aldermanic race next spring against Alderman M. McNarney.

Hon. Samuel Aleshuler, the next governor of Illinois, was the leading orator on "Chicago Day" at the Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition. A very large crowd was present to listen to Mr. Aleshuler and to inspect the fine collection of exhibits.